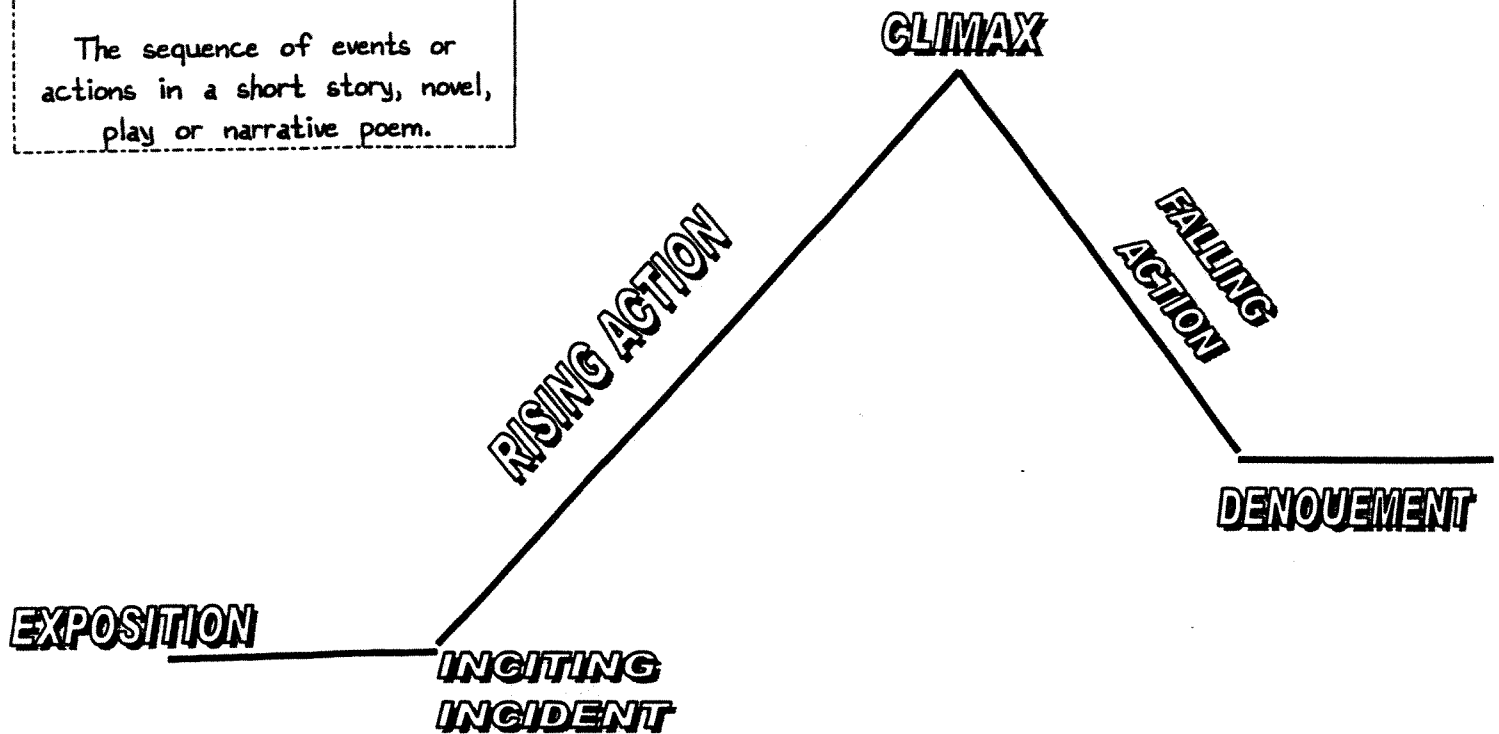


Plot

The sequence of events or actions in a short story, novel, play or narrative poem.



Exposition

The author lays the groundwork for the story by revealing the

- ★ setting
- ★ relationships between the characters
- ★ situation as it exists before conflict begins

Rising Action

The action and events that take place in the story and build up to the critical moment when the main conflict is confronted

Falling Action

Events that occur after the climax and lead up to closure and conclusion of the story

Inciting Incident

Interrupts the peace and balance of the situation and one or more of the characters comes into conflict with an outside force, himself, or another character

Climax

The most critical moment in the story; the point at which the main conflict is at its highest point

Denouement

The problem set up in the inciting incident is unraveled; there is a revelation of meaning